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REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested to include the above-amended claims prior to the examination of the application. Claims 236-255 are pending in the application. Claims 236, 238, 242 and 252-254 have been amended to more clearly define the subject matter of the invention or to remove certain compounds for which protection will not be sought. Claims 237 and 239 have been canceled by the entry of this amendment without prejudice. These amendments do not raise new issues.

Claims 236, 238 and 252 have been amended to include specific reduced isoalpha acids previously recited in claim 239. The reference to hops has also been removed from amended claims 236, 242 and 252-254 because although the recited reduced isoalpha acids could be derived from hops; the disclosure as filed clearly states, on page 19, paragraph 1, that such "derivatives can include compounds obtained via a chemical reaction." Applicants, therefore, aver that these claims as currently amended are fully supported by the subject matter already disclosed within the specification as filed and that no new matter has been added. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if there are any questions.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1133.

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